



IN THE ABSTRACT

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KCR 2002 FALL WORKSHOP September 5-6, 2002

The annual fall workshop sponsored by KCR will be held this year in Lexington at the Hilton Suites – Lexington Green. Brochures and hotel information sheets were mailed in early July to registrars throughout the state. Please note that the special hotel conference rate (\$89 per night plus 12.36% tax) is good through August 22nd only, so be sure to make your reservations before that deadline. Call the hotel directly at (859) 271-4000 or 1-800-HIL-TONS (445-8667), and be sure to mention that you are attending the Kentucky Cancer Registry Workshop to qualify for the special room rate. A credit card guarantee for the first night's deposit will be required at the time of reservation. Check-in time is 3:00 PM, and checkout time is 12 noon. Cancellations are refunded or credited if notice is received 72 hours prior to arrival date, and a cancellation number must be obtained.

Excellent speakers have been lined up for this year's meeting, with the focus being on current coding issues, cutting edge technology, and

survival skills for the registrar. Take this opportunity to get answers to your abstracting questions on breast, colon, and lung cancer cases! Submit any questions you have encountered while abstracting these sites to QA Manager Reita Pardee by August 14, 2002. You may mail your questions to Reita's attention at KY Cancer Registry, 2365 Harrodsburg Rd, Suite A230, Lexington, KY 40504-3381, or you may fax the questions to Reita at (859) 219-0557. She will in turn submit questions received by the due date to April Fritz at NCI/SEER headquarters. We look forward to hearing the answers to "real-life" coding problems during April's presentation on September 6th.

Don't forget – **THE DEADLINE FOR THE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2002!** Any registrations received after that date will be assessed a \$10 LATE FEE in addition to the registration fee. Cancellations received on or after Monday, September 2, 2002 may result in a fee to cover the cost of the food. Make your check payable to Kentucky Cancer Registry, and mail it in now!~

Five Year Cancer Incidence Report of the Kentucky Cancer Registry

The most recent annual report to the governor and state legislature has taken on a new format. KCR data from five years are combined in the "1995-1999 Cancer Incidence Report", distributed this spring to lawmakers and to hospitals throughout the Commonwealth. All of the cancer incidence rates in this publication were age-adjusted using the year-2000 standard population instead of the previously used year-1970 population. Take time to look through the many sites, rates, and graphs. This impressive report is a compilation of cases initially abstracted by YOU – the Kentucky cancer registrar!~

PEOPLE NEWS



Welcome to New Hires:

i	Pam Courtney, CTR, RN, OCN	Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah
i	Brenda Craig	Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington
i	Bonnie Still	Pattie A Clay Hospital, Richmond

Resignations:

i	Miranda Burns, CTR	Hardin Memorial Hospital, Elizabethtown
i	Amy Eades	Pattie A Clay Hospital, Richmond
i	Teresa Helton	Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, Somerset

Congratulations!

ACoS Cancer Program Approval

Western Baptist Hospital received full 3-year ACoS approval of its cancer program. This was the first survey for Western Baptist! Congratulations to Julie Welch, CTR, LPN and Betty Copeland, CTR, RHIT.~

GOLDEN BUG AWARD!!



And the summer 2002 winner is.... Michele Hoskins, manager of the Cancer Registry at Norton Hospital in Louisville! Congratulations, Michele, on being the first to identify a problem with the PCE section of CPDMS.~

How to Handle “Class 3’s”...

Effective immediately with 2002 cases, you have an option in reporting class 3 cases to KCR. You may choose to continue abstracting these cases, preferably via the minimum dataset format, or you may choose to send the case information to KCR for abstraction. The choice is yours. However, remember that if you choose to forward the case to KCR, you are still required to send all applicable case information to KCR in a timely manner! ACoS-approved hospitals will probably need to check with their cancer committees before making a final decision. ~



CTR Test News

The Fall 2002 CTR Exam will once again be administered by The National Board for Certification of Registrars. Go to the www.nbcr.org/ website to learn about details such as cost, location, applications, and books to use. The application deadline has been moved up to August 1st. Beginning with the Spring 2003 Exam, NCRA will take over the certification testing process. This change will take place as the result of decisions made in Nashville during the NCRA Annual Meeting this past May. ~

Commission on Cancer Update:

Collaborative Stage Data Set “On Hold”

Attendees of the pre-NCRA Annual Meeting SEER Workshop were informed that a decision had been made to delay the implementation of the Collaborative Stage Data Set (CS) until January of 2004. This delay will have no impact on the implementation on January 1, 2003 of the FORDS manual or the AJCC Staging Manual, 6th edition. CS Task Force members and affiliated organizations came to the decision that additional preparation time was necessary for proper implementation. ~

Cancer Program Staff Changes

There have been a number of changes in the staff listing on the ACoS website. “Who To Call When You Have a Question” shows many new names with accompanying phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Check out www.facs.org/dept/cancer/whocall for a view of the complete list. The “Hot Topics” section is especially helpful for those times when you have a specific question, and you need to reach an expert in a particular area. Topics include such areas as “How to start a program”, “How to implement physician staging”, and “AJCC Staging Questions”. For hospitals considering an approved cancer program, this site is the primary source of information. ~

FORDS Manual Publication Imminent

The “Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards”, or FORDS manual, is set for publication this month. The new manual is a complete overhaul of ROADS, Volume II. Information on material in the FORDS manual was presented at the recent annual NCRA meeting. Congratulations to Wendy Drechsel, registrar at Norton Hospital in Louisville, who will receive a free hard copy of the new manual upon its publication. Wendy’s name was selected in a drawing held at NCRA/Nashville. ~

SEER YR-2000 CASEFINDING AUDIT

Beginning on August 19, 2002, SEER auditors will be conducting a casefinding audit on calendar year 2000 cancer cases in Kentucky. Eight hospitals have been selected by SEER for this audit. Regional coordinators have already notified the registrars at the appropriate facilities.

CANCER AWARENESS MONTHS

August	Melanoma/Skin Cancer
September	GYN Cancer Leukemia Bladder Cancer
October	Breast Cancer

Calendar of Events

August 1, 2002 – Deadline for CTR Test Application

August 19-30, 2002 – SEER Casefinding Audit for Year-2000

August 19, 2002 – KCR Workshop Registration Deadline

September 5-6, 2002 – KCR Annual Fall Workshop, Hilton Suites in Lexington Green, Lexington

September 14, 2002 - CTR Test

A Question From Our Readers....

Question: Can I pathologically stage lymph nodes if only one or two nodes were removed? Example: sentinel node dissection without axillary dissection.

Answer: Yes. The answer is found in the Workbook for Staging of Cancer, second edition, bottom of page 6. It states "To meet the guidelines for pathologic lymph node assessment, at least one lymph node must be biopsied or aspirated. The lymph node procedure should remove enough regional lymph nodes to determine the absence or presence of lymph node involvement. This could be accomplished with a sentinel node biopsy for cancers where this technique is appropriate....In most cases, however, removal of the suggested number of lymph nodes in the form of a dissection is the preferred approach."

Lung Cancer Policy Brief Enclosed

Along with the current "In the Abstract", you will find the most recent issue of "Lung Cancer in Kentucky - Policy Brief". This publication is a joint effort of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. KCR data are used in this Spring 2002 issue. "Thanks" to our colleagues in the Prevention Research Center, who provided us with these extra copies.

SEER CODING QUESTIONS

The following questions were submitted by SEER registries to the SEER Inquiry System. It is our hope that these examples will help answer some of the coding problems you may have encountered.

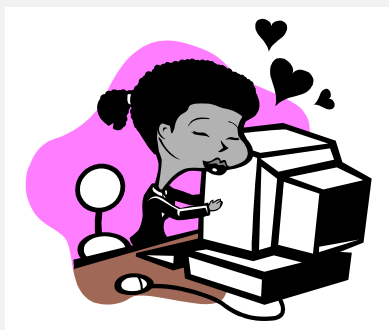
Question 1: When adenocarcinoma of the endometrium arises in a villoglandular polyp, do we code the histology as 8263/3, or are codes 8261 and 8263 used only for colon primaries?

Answer: Use codes 8261 and 8263 for polyps in the endometrium. These codes are used for other sites when the cancer arises in a polyp.

Question 2: Radical prostatectomy reveals 2 distinct tumors. One is adenocarcinoma with ductal differentiation; the other is adenocarcinoma with acinar differentiation. Is this one or two primaries?

Answer: This is one primary. Acinar and ductal are subtypes of adenocarcinoma. There are two histologies, ductal adenocarcinoma (8500) and acinar adenocarcinoma (8550). The histology is coded to 8550, acinar adenocarcinoma. (SEER Code Manual, pgs 97, 98)

Cancer Word Scramble



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The program you “tune into” daily!

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*Answers: SARCOMA, PLASMACYTOMA, GLOBLASTOMA, MYCOSIS FUNGOIDES, CPDMS.